

collecting gifts he would assist with babysitting for those parents while they picked out gifts.

I cannot say enough about James. He is a truly admirable young leader. Without question, he is setting a good example and is a role model to others. I want to thank James for his continual dedication and congratulate him on the Military Child of the Year Award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing James Richards and wishing him continued success in all future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO JOEL H. UHLMAYER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Joel Uhlmeier of Ames for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Joel chose to make various improvements at the Ames Izaak Walton League. He felt this unique project was an important way to give back to the Ikes for supporting Scouting and outdoor activities. The work ethic Joel has shown in this project, and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank, speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Joel and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him in obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and will wish him continued success in his future education and career. Thank you.

MR. SHERMAN WOODEN

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Sherman Wooden, one of the 2012 recipients of the Governor Robert P. Casey Medal for a Lifetime of Service. This award is presented annually by the Neighborhood Housing Services of Lackawanna County and given for a person's contributions to the region throughout the years. The Neighborhood Housing Services serves individuals and families through homeownership education and promotion, property rehabilitation and affordable lending.

Mr. Wooden grew up in Montrose, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Elk Lake High School, and went on to receive both a bach-

elor's and master's degree from Howard University in Washington, DC. Additionally, he attended the Catholic University of America for doctoral studies and pursued graduate work at the University of North Carolina, University of Maryland, New York University, and Harvard University.

Before joining the faculty at the University of Scranton as the Director of Multicultural Affairs, Mr. Wooden worked as a public school teacher and a lecturer at Howard University and the Catholic University of America. In 2010, Mr. Wooden retired from the University of Scranton and now dedicates his time to serving his community. Currently, he is the principal resource for information about the role of the Underground Railroad and the African-American population in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Furthermore, Mr. Wooden serves on several boards, including the Board of Trustees of Lincoln University, Friends of the Weinberg Library Advisory Board, and the Board of Friendship House in Scranton. In the past, he served on the Pennsylvania Governor's Advisory Commission for African-American Affairs and the Pennsylvania State Board of Education, and he served as president of the Council on Community Affairs and the Old Mill Village Museum.

Mr. Speaker, today Sherman Wooden stands as an icon in Northeastern Pennsylvania. I commend him for his years of remarkable service to his community and his country as an educator, author, and lecturer, and I wish him continued success in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO TANNER MICHAEL KNOWLTON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Tanner Knowlton of New Hampton for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

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To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. The work ethic Tanner has shown in his Eagle Project, and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank, speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Tanner and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him in obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and will wish him continued success in his future education and career. Thank you.

HONORING DR. ROBERT A. CORRIGAN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Robert A. Corrigan and recognize his contribution to higher education, civic engagement and the application of university expertise to community issues. Dr. Corrigan is retiring as the President of San Francisco State University.

One of our nation's leading public urban universities, under Dr. Corrigan's leadership, San Francisco State University has become acclaimed for its diversity and is known as a "college with a conscience." With nationally recognized programs in a range of fields, the more than 212,000 graduates have contributed to the economic, cultural and civic fabric of San Francisco and beyond. Dr. Corrigan has been a dedicated supporter of the partnership between San Francisco State and the Romberg Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies, located in my district. Through research, education and outreach, and with a focus on San Francisco Bay, the Romberg Center works to advance the understanding of the world's complex marine environments.

A graduate of Brown University in Rhode Island, Dr. Corrigan earned his master's and doctoral degrees in American Civilization from the University of Pennsylvania. During a 54-year career in academia, Dr. Corrigan has held faculty positions at the University of Iowa, Bryn Mawr College, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Gothenburg in Sweden. He was a provost at the University of Maryland and Dean at the University of Missouri, before becoming chancellor of the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

Starting at San Francisco State University in 1988, during a period of transition, Dr. Corrigan restructured the management of the university to build a better rapport between administration and faculty. A leader with considerable collaborative skills, he has worked hard to keep the campus competitive through careful management of funds during difficult budget cuts. A well-respected colleague and administrator, Dr. Corrigan presided over a major overhaul of the campus, funded with a \$120 million facilities bond measure, student fees and private fundraising. Recently, the university opened its newly renovated library and there are plans to build a new performing arts center as well as a student wellness center.

A champion of diversity in higher education, Dr. Corrigan is credited with building a model multi-cultural campus focused on social justice and equity. Where people of color constitute 70% of the student body and 41% of the faculty, Dr. Corrigan nurtured a culture of tolerance where differences are respected and debated peacefully on campus. He is the recipient of many awards and recognitions, including the 2009 Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, the 2009 San Francisco Business Times "Most Admired CEO" award and the Distinguished Community Service Award from the Anti-Defamation League.

A keen advocate of civic engagement, Dr. Corrigan has served on the boards of a variety of organizations, such as the Mayor's Children, Youth, and Families Policy Council, two